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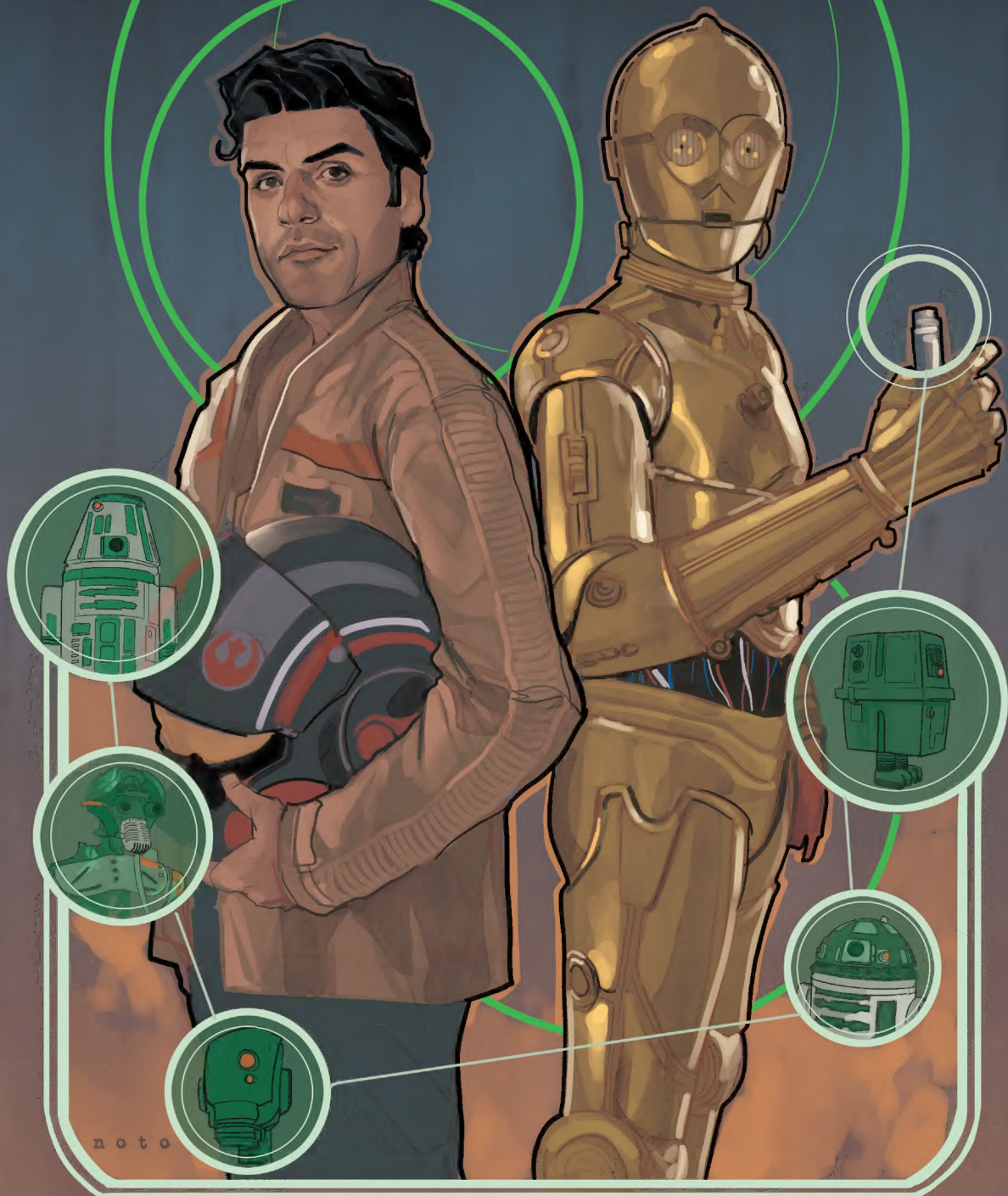
POE

STAR WARS™



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DAMERON



THE GATHERING STORM

It is a time of uncertainty in the galaxy. Standing against the oppression of the First Order is General Organa's Resistance, including Poe Dameron and his team of ace pilots — Black Squadron.

Black Squadron has undertaken a mission to find the explorer Lor San Tekka, and a new enemy has emerged: Terex, an officer of the First Order Security Bureau. Though Poe's crew of pilots has managed to survive multiple encounters, Terex has vowed to destroy them.

Meanwhile, the droid C-3PO has approached Poe with an urgent undertaking — to retrieve information and rescue a droid operative on the planet Kaddak. But what they don't know is that Terex is on Kaddak, too....

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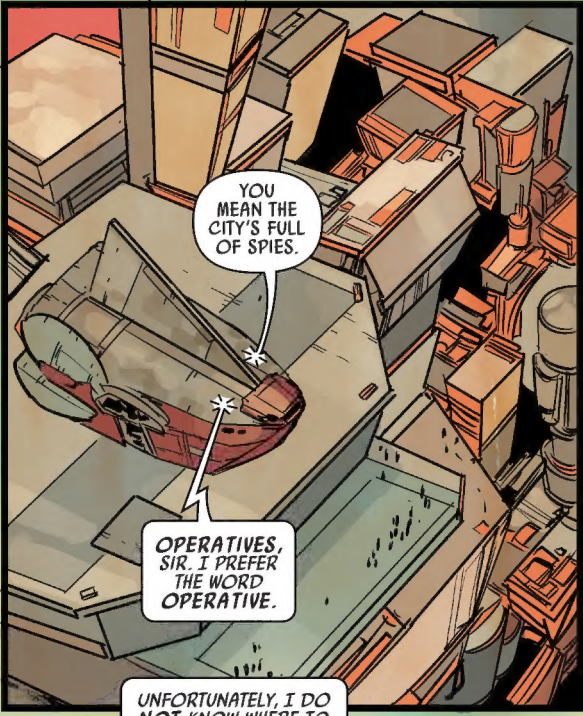


Kaddak. The Outer Rim.



ALL RIGHT, THREEPIO--
ANY IDEA WHERE
WE SHOULD LOOK
FOR THIS MISSING
DROID SPY
OF YOURS?

OH DEAR ME, SIR,
THIS IS NOT THE
PLACE TO MENTION
THAT WORD ALOUD.
THE WALLS HAVE
EARS ON KADDAK.



YOU
MEAN THE
CITY'S FULL
OF SPIES.

OPERATIVES,
SIR. I PREFER
THE WORD
OPERATIVE.

UNFORTUNATELY, I DO
NOT KNOW WHERE TO
LOOK. I HAVE BEEN IN
CONTACT WITH ONE OF MY
OTHER, AH, OPERATIVES
HERE TO SEE IF THEY
MIGHT PROVIDE US
WITH A CLUE.

OKAY. BUT
GO EASY. WE
WANT TO BE LOW
PROFILE ALL
THE WAY.



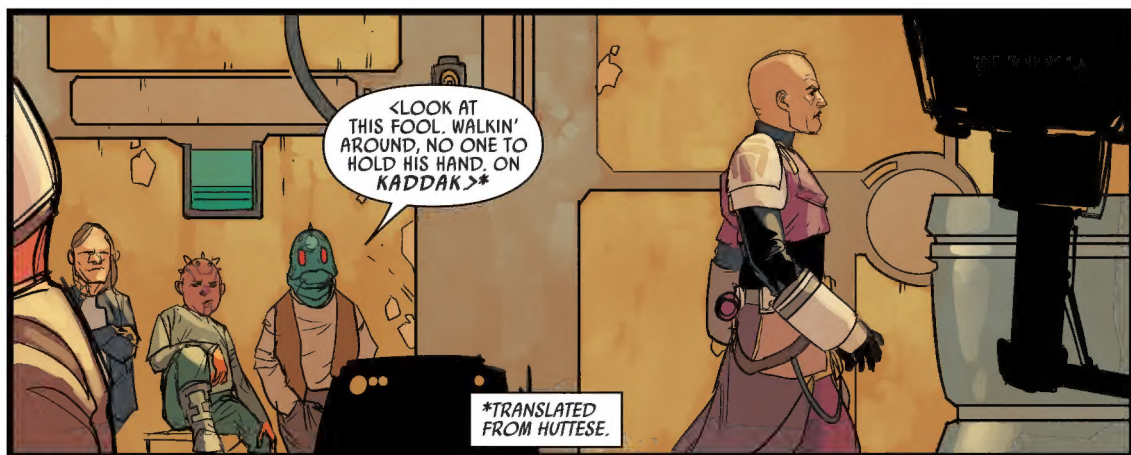
ALWAYS, SIR,
PLEASE DON'T
CONCERN
YOURSELF ON THAT
FRONT. I AM THE
VERY PICTURE
OF STEALTH.

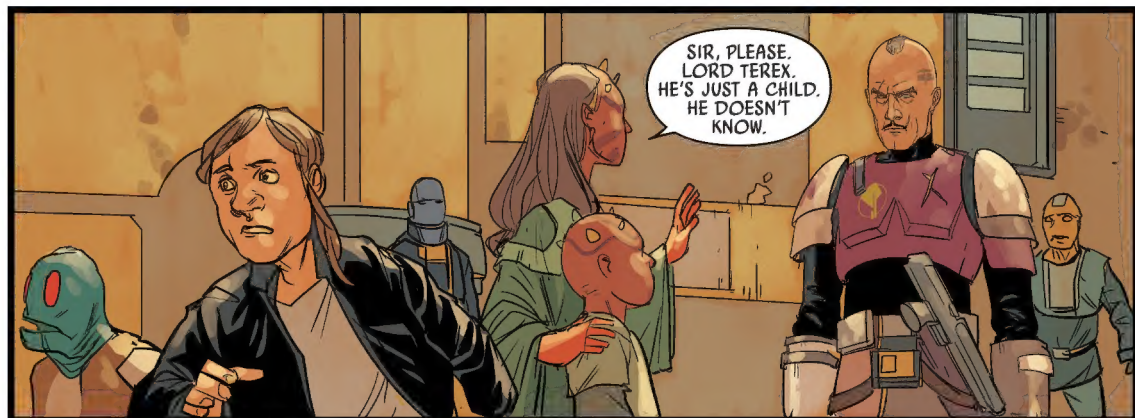
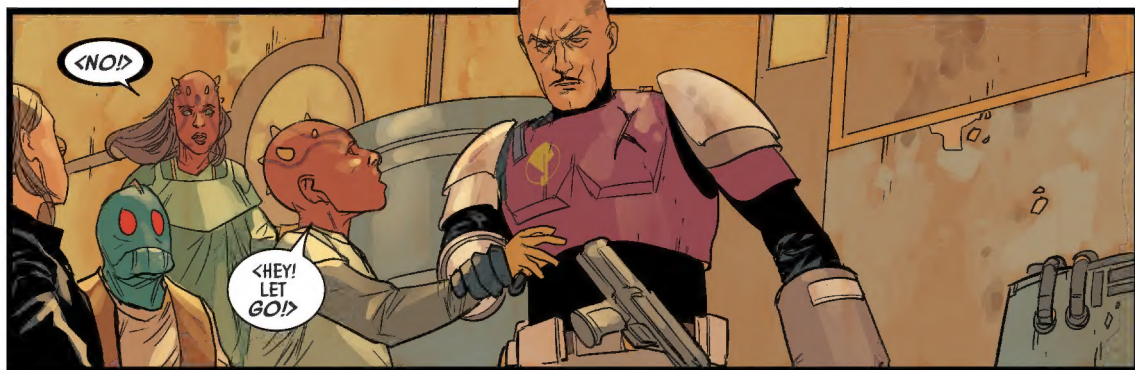


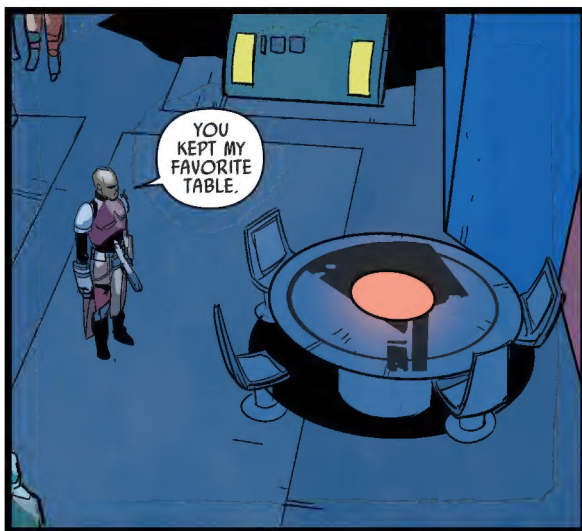
WHY ARE
YOU SO WORRIED
ABOUT THIS PLANET, POE?
JUST LOOKS LIKE ANY
OLD BACKWATER
SPACEPORT.



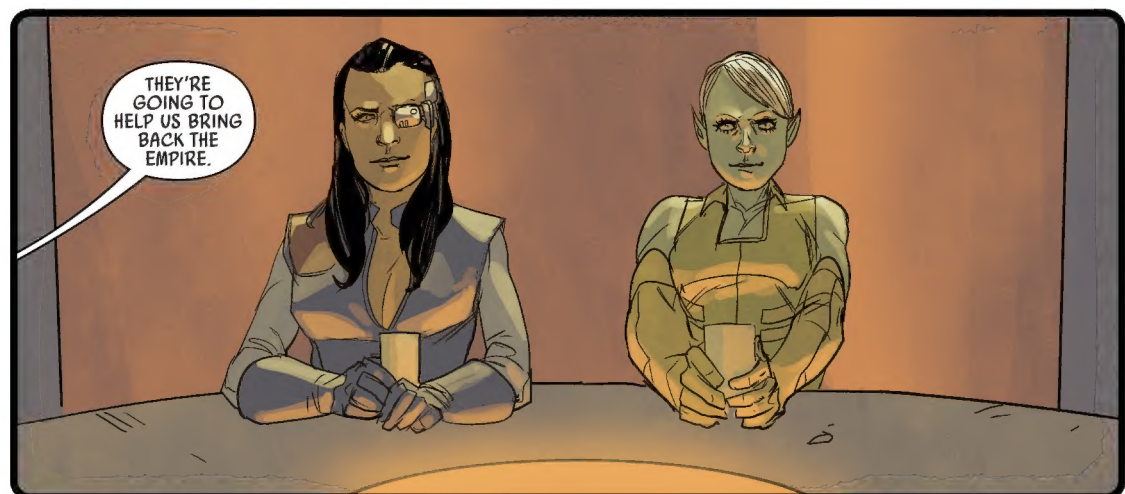
The Sliver – Level 72.

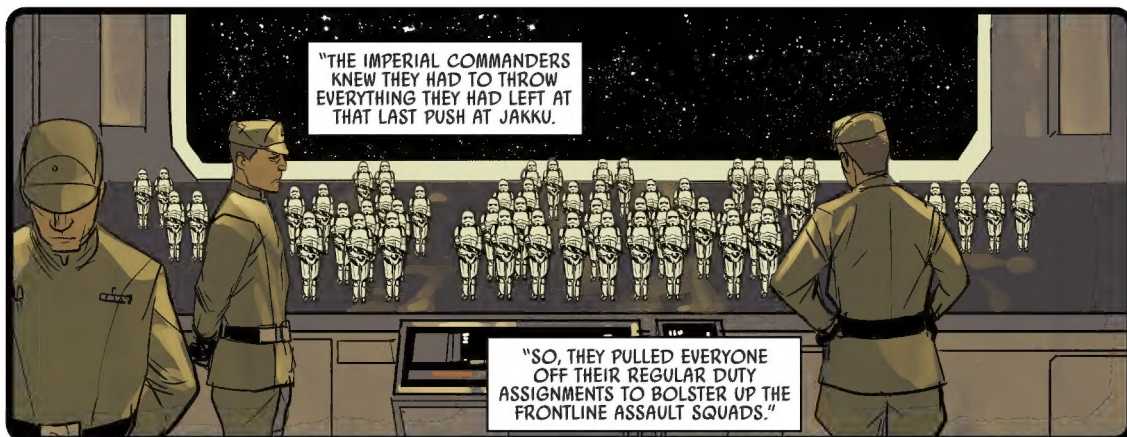




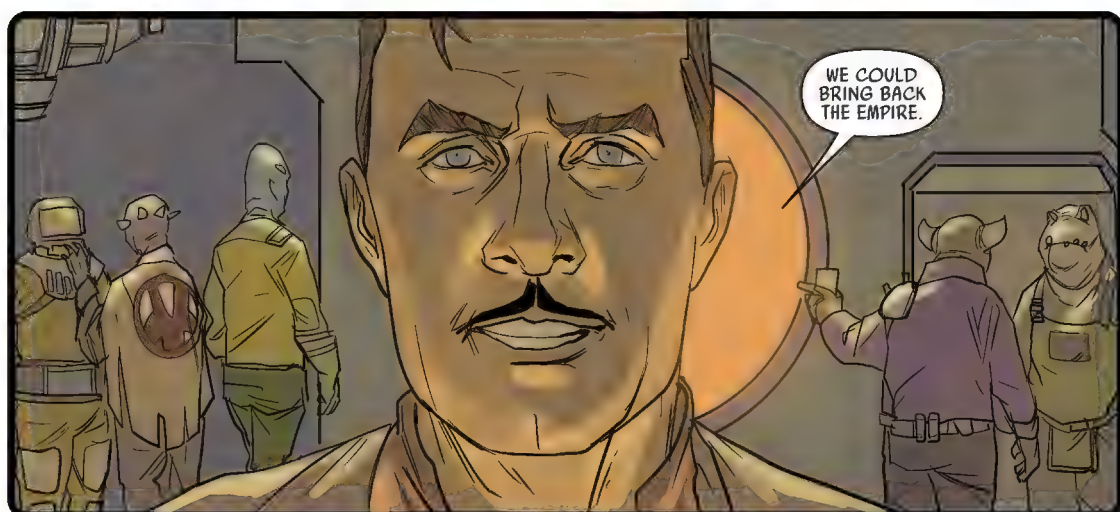


Decades
Earlier...





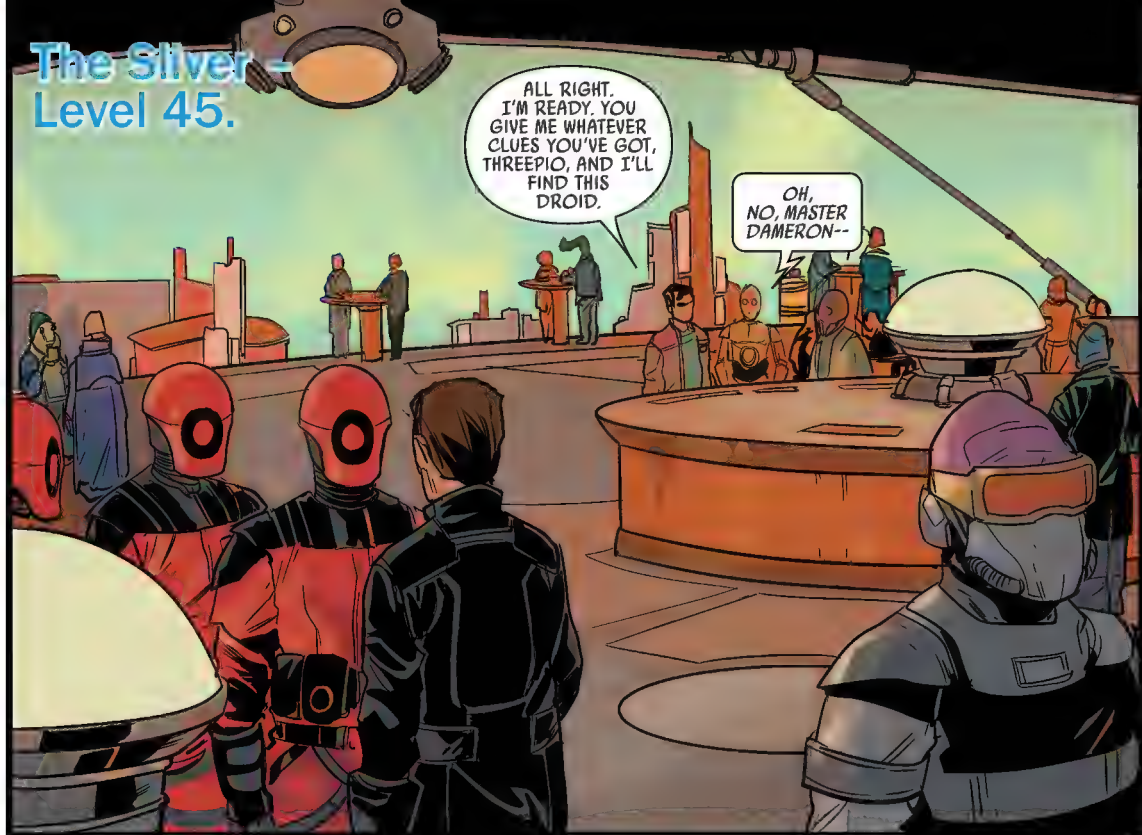




The Silver — Level 45.

ALL RIGHT.
I'M READY. YOU
GIVE ME WHATEVER
CLUES YOU'VE GOT,
THREEPIO, AND I'LL
FIND THIS
DROID.

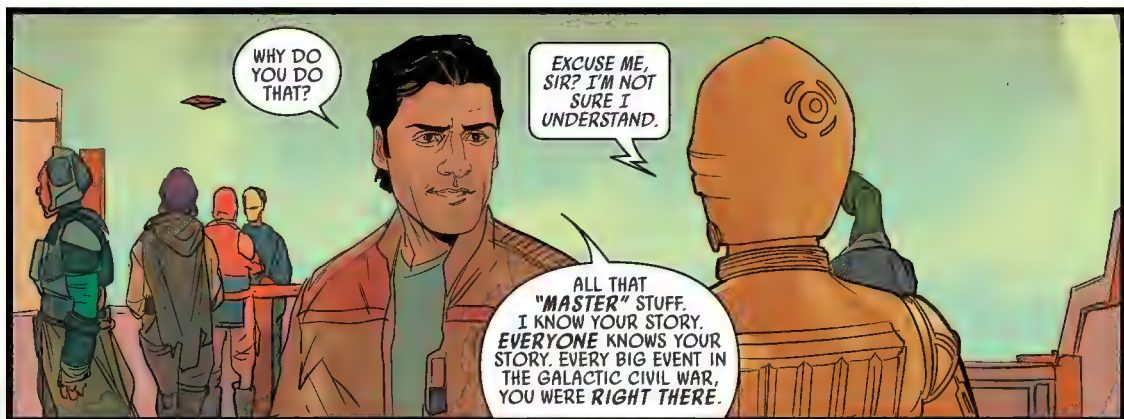
OH,
NO, MASTER
DAMERON--



WHY DO
YOU DO
THAT?

EXCUSE ME,
SIR? I'M NOT
SURE I
UNDERSTAND.

ALL THAT
"MASTER" STUFF.
I KNOW YOUR STORY.
EVERYONE KNOWS YOUR
STORY. EVERY BIG EVENT IN
THE GALACTIC CIVIL WAR,
YOU WERE **RIGHT THERE**.

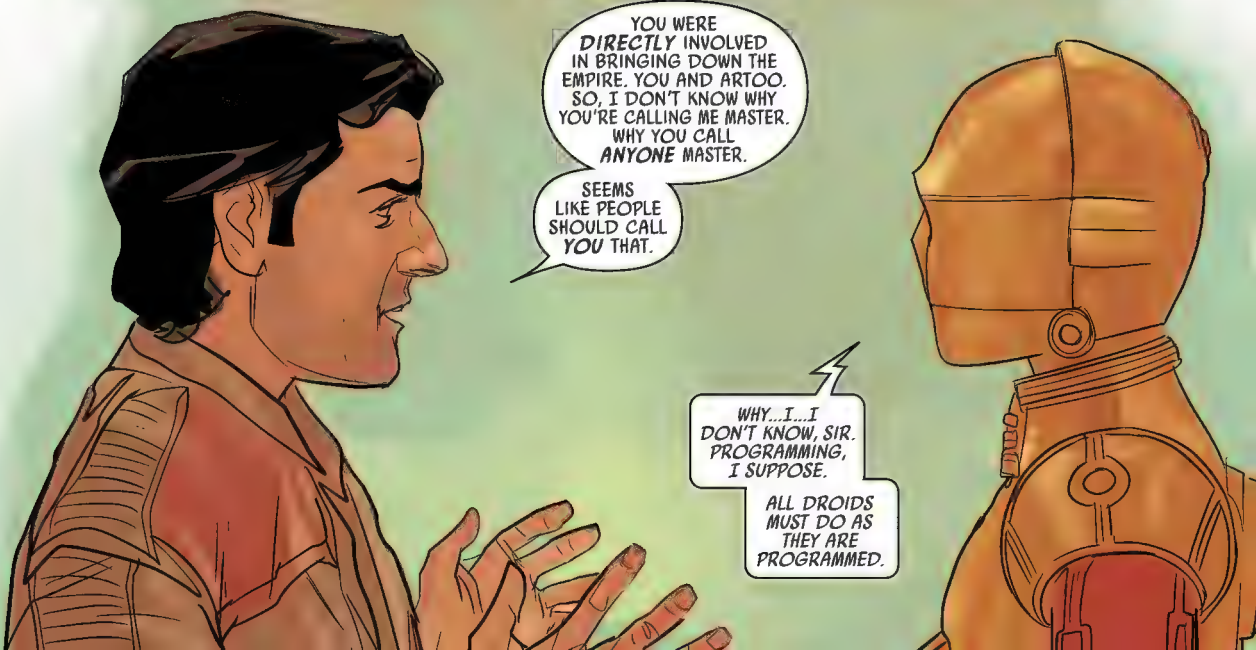


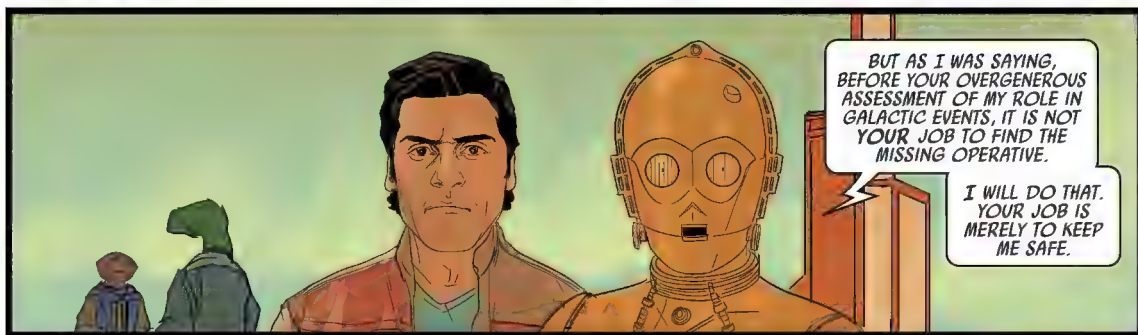
YOU WERE
DIRECTLY INVOLVED
IN BRINGING DOWN THE
EMPIRE. YOU AND ARTOO.
SO, I DON'T KNOW WHY
YOU'RE CALLING ME MASTER.
WHY YOU CALL
ANYONE MASTER.

SEEMS
LIKE PEOPLE
SHOULD CALL
YOU THAT.

WHY...I...I
DON'T KNOW, SIR.
PROGRAMMING,
I SUPPOSE.

ALL DROIDS
MUST DO AS
THEY ARE
PROGRAMMED.



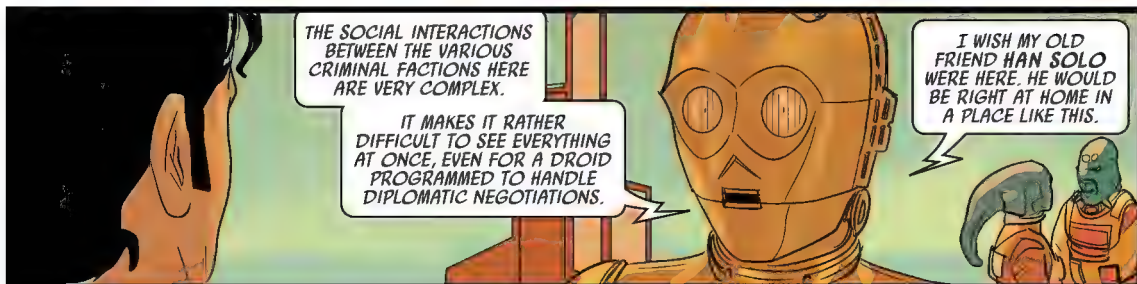


BUT AS I WAS SAYING, BEFORE YOUR OVERGENEROUS ASSESSMENT OF MY ROLE IN GALACTIC EVENTS, IT IS NOT YOUR JOB TO FIND THE MISSING OPERATIVE.

I WILL DO THAT. YOUR JOB IS MERELY TO KEEP ME SAFE.



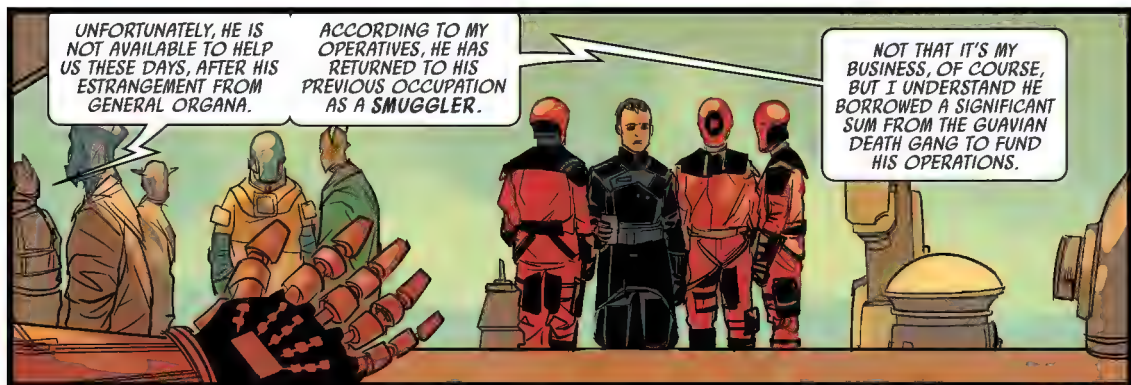
AND UNFORTUNATELY, I FEAR THAT I MAY HAVE THE EASIER TASK.



THE SOCIAL INTERACTIONS BETWEEN THE VARIOUS CRIMINAL FACTIONS HERE ARE VERY COMPLEX.

IT MAKES IT RATHER DIFFICULT TO SEE EVERYTHING AT ONCE, EVEN FOR A DROID PROGRAMMED TO HANDLE DIPLOMATIC NEGOTIATIONS.

I WISH MY OLD FRIEND HAN SOLO WERE HERE. HE WOULD BE RIGHT AT HOME IN A PLACE LIKE THIS.



UNFORTUNATELY, HE IS NOT AVAILABLE TO HELP US THESE DAYS, AFTER HIS ESTRANGEMENT FROM GENERAL ORGANA.

ACCORDING TO MY OPERATIVES, HE HAS RETURNED TO HIS PREVIOUS OCCUPATION AS A SMUGGLER.

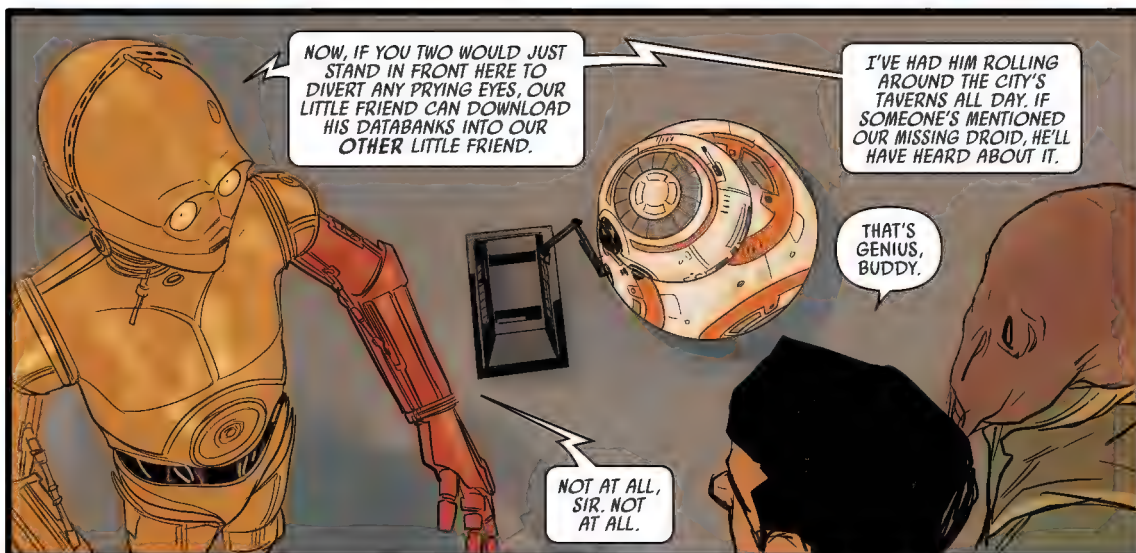
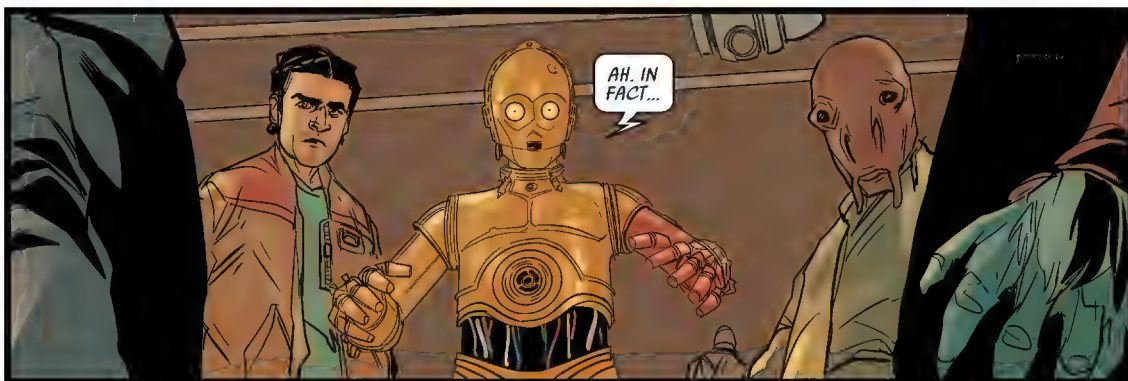
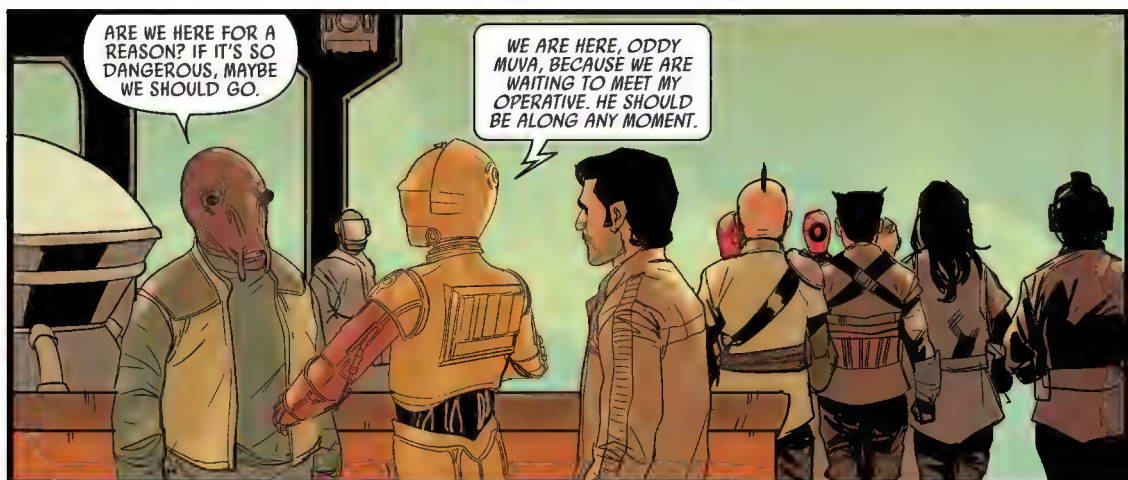
NOT THAT IT'S MY BUSINESS, OF COURSE, BUT I UNDERSTAND HE BORROWED A SIGNIFICANT SUM FROM THE GUAVIAN DEATH GANG TO FUND HIS OPERATIONS.

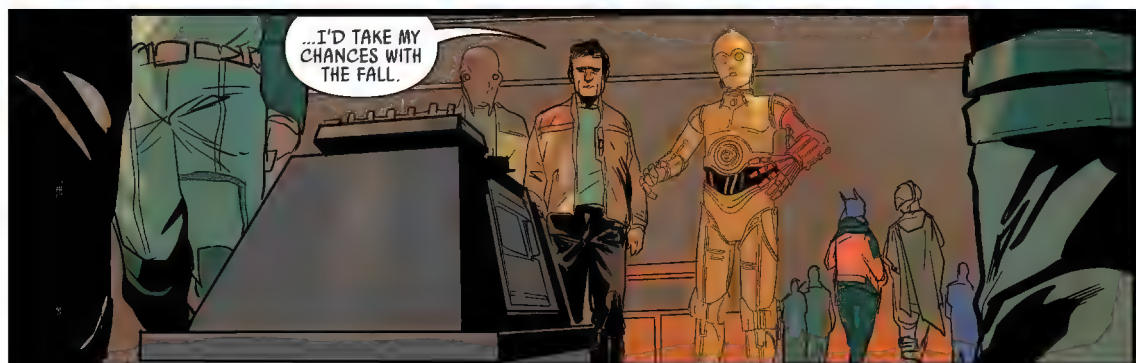
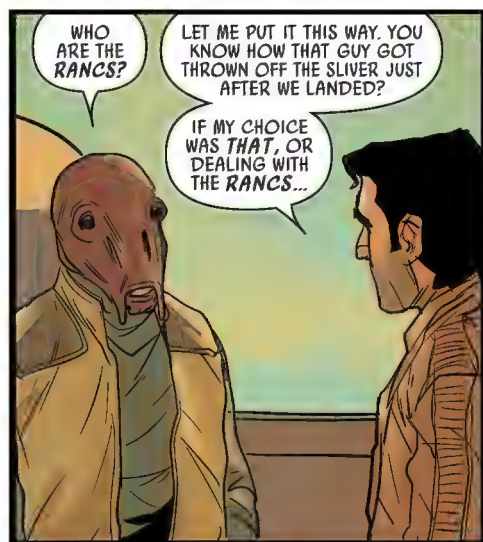


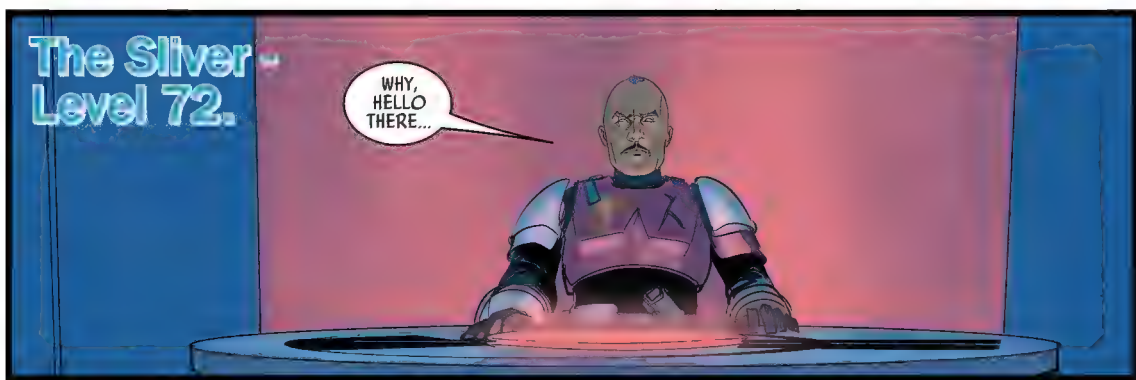
SEEMS LIKE QUITE A RISKY PROPOSITION, BUT THAT'S HAN SOLO FOR YOU.

HE NEVER MUCH CARED FOR THE ODDS.

<WAIT-- WHAT DID THAT DROID JUST SAY?>







The Sliver Level 72.

WHY,
HELLO
THERE...



...WISPER.

HELLO,
TEREX. IT'S BEEN A
LONG TIME. NEVER
THOUGHT I'D SEE
YOU AGAIN.

AND THEN
WHAT DO I HEAR
RUMBLING ALL UP
AND DOWN THE
SLIVER? TEREX IS
BACK.



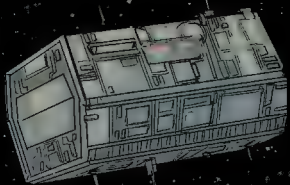
TEREX.
IS.
BACK.

I LIKE
GHOST STORIES,
YOU KNOW. ALWAYS
HAVE. FIGURED THIS WAS
ONE OF THOSE. BUT I
WAS WRONG, BECAUSE
HERE YOU ARE. ALIVE
AND WELL.



SITTING
AT MY
FAVORITE
TABLE.

Rothana
Imperial
Shipyards.
Before...



TOLD YOU
THERE WAS
A REASON TO
KEEP THIS
ARMOR.



IF THERE IS
AN IMPERIAL FORCE
LEFT IN HERE, I'LL
FIT IN A LOT BETTER
THAN ANY OF
YOU WILL.

YEAH, YEAH,
SMART PLANNING,
TEREX. NOW CAN
YOU PLEASE JUST
GET US IN?

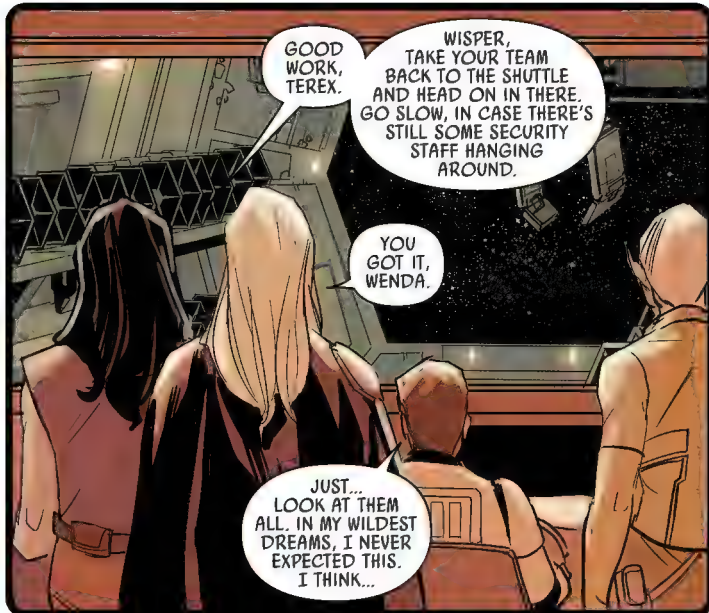
I'M TRYING.
WE'RE LUCKY I
COULD GET US INTO THE
EXTERNAL COMMAND
MODULE. THE REPAIR
BAY'S SEALED UP
TIGHT.



THAT'S A
GOOD SIGN,
THOUGH--MIGHT
MEAN THERE'S
ACTUALLY
SOMETHING
LEFT IN--

AND...
GOT IT.

REPAIR BAY
ACCESS GRANTED.
OPENING EXTERNAL
DOORS.

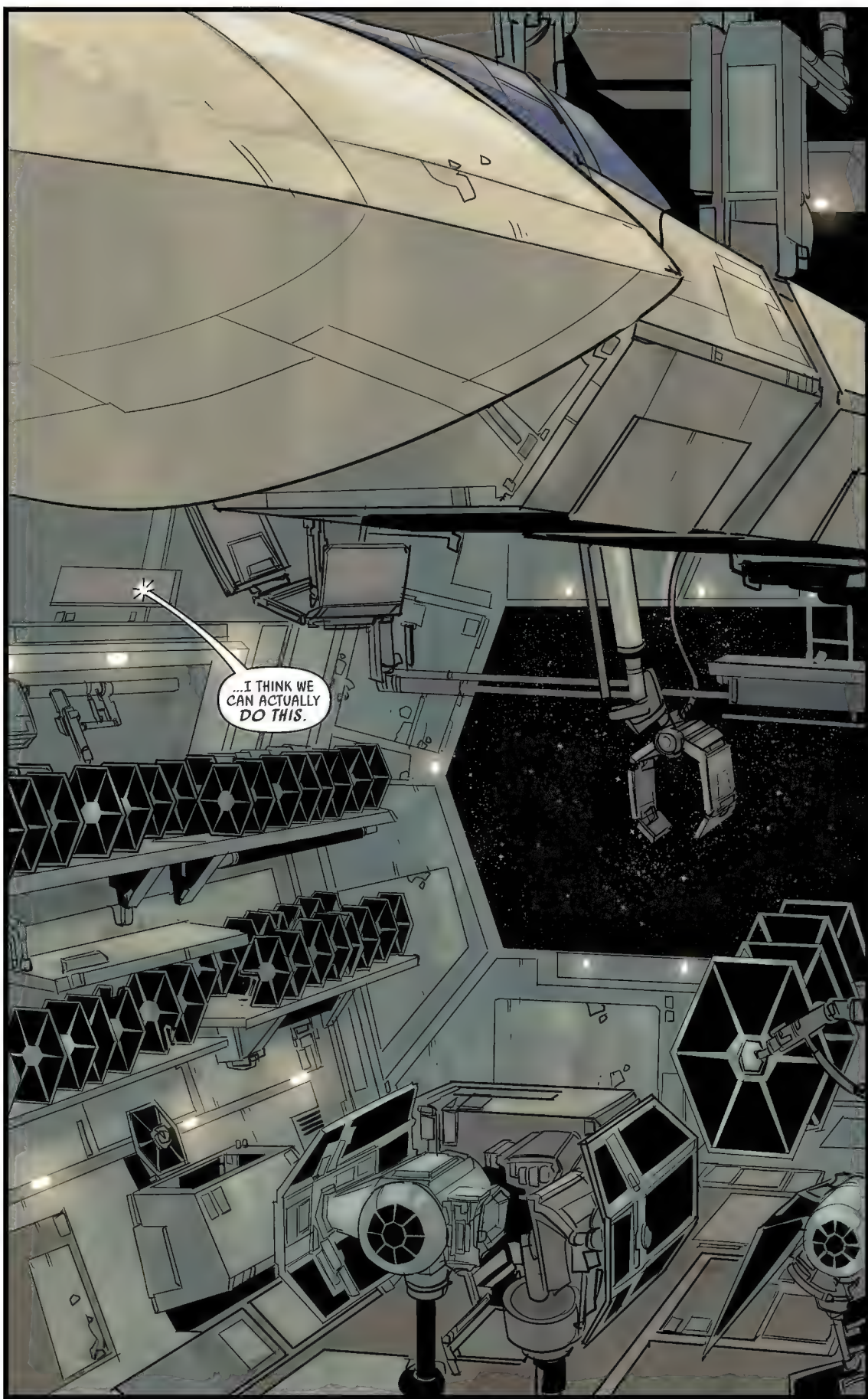


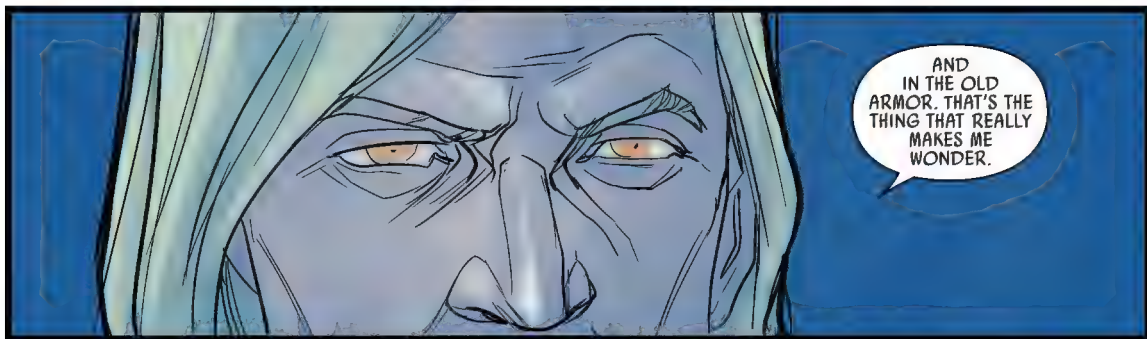
GOOD
WORK,
TEREX.

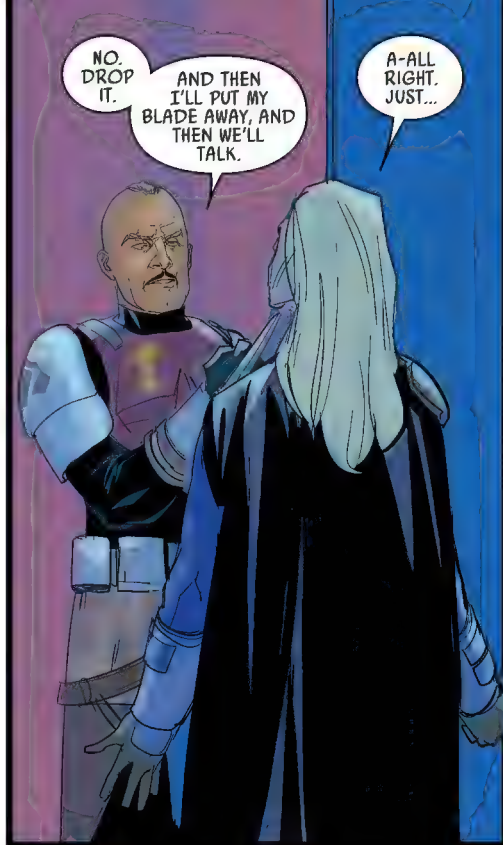
WISPER,
TAKE YOUR TEAM
BACK TO THE SHUTTLE
AND HEAD ON IN THERE.
GO SLOW. IN CASE THERE'S
STILL SOME SECURITY
STAFF HANGING
AROUND.

YOU
GOT IT,
WENDA.

JUST...
LOOK AT THEM
ALL. IN MY WILDEST
DREAMS, I NEVER
EXPECTED THIS.
I THINK...







NO.
DROP
IT.

AND THEN
I'LL PUT MY
BLADE AWAY, AND
THEN WE'LL
TALK.

A-ALL
RIGHT.
JUST...



...JUST
DON'T.



GOOD. AND NOW MY
FAVORITE PART--THE
CONVERSATION.

YOU SWORE
YOU WERE DONE
HERE, TEREX. YOU SAID YOU
WERE GONE FOREVER WHEN
YOU WENT TO THE FIRST
ORDER--YOU GAVE
ME THE GANG!

YES, WELL,
I'M A CRIMINAL.
MY MISTAKE WAS
THINKING I WASN'T.
APPARENTLY IT
WAS YOURS AS
WELL.

YOUR
PEOPLE COULD
SHOOT ME
RIGHT NOW.
EASILY.

I
WONDER...

SSSK!



...WHY THEY
HAVEN'T.

OH...NO, NO,
NO. HAVEN'T I LED
YOU PEOPLE WELL? HAVEN'T
I MADE US RICH? WHO IS HE TO
MARCH BACK IN HERE AND TRY
TO TAKE CONTROL OF--



HE'S
TEREX.

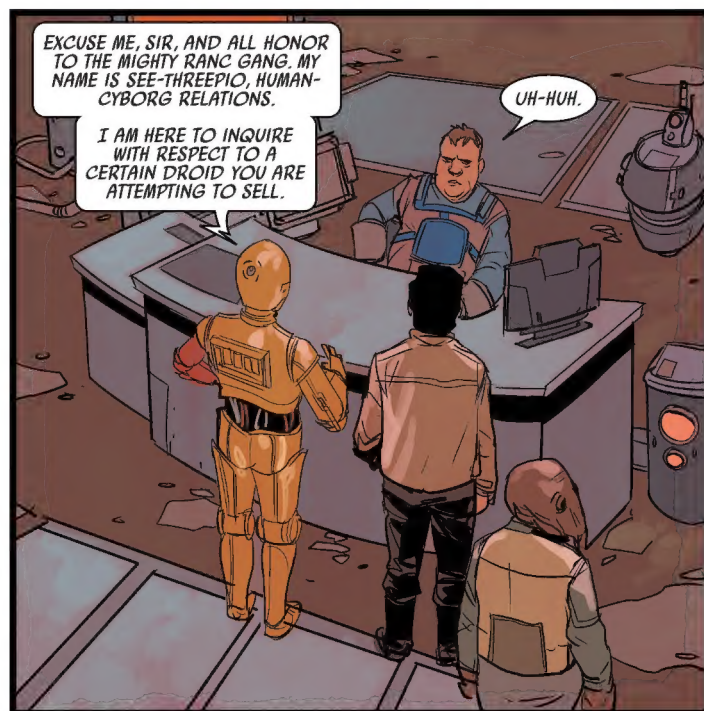
SZZACK!

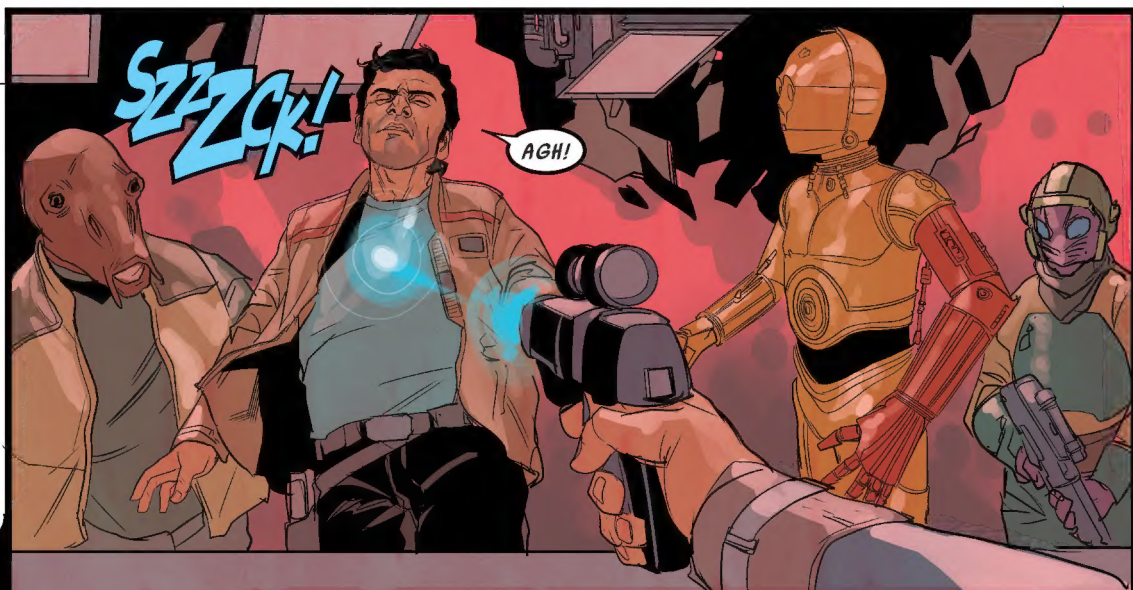


WE WERE
ALL VERY EXCITED
TO GET YOUR CALL,
LORD TEREX. IT'S
GOOD TO HAVE
YOU BACK.

THANK
YOU,
ZUMGI.

NOW
LET'S GET
TO WORK.





POE DAMERON

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THE SEVEN SEAS

With

**BLACK MANTA
EMPIRE**



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